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Tajikistan

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Tajikistan due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Tajikistan due to terrorism. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for each entry stamp/visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

If travel originates from a country without an Embassy of Tajikistan, it is possible for a traveler to purchase a visa upon arrival at the airport; however, the traveler will need to first apply for a visa online with the Tajikistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), receive a pre-approval confirmation, and a Letter of Invitation from the US Embassy Dushanbe prior to arrival.

US Embassy/ Consulate

992-37-229-2000, 992-37-229-2300, (consular direct line); EMER: 992-98-580-1032; US Embassy Dushanbe, 109A, Ismoili Somoni Avenue, Dushanbe, Tajikistan 734019

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

http://www.who.int

Climate

Mid-latitude continental, hot summers, mild winters; semiarid to polar in Pamir

Mountains

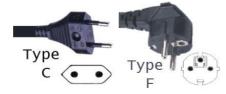
Currency (Code)

Tajikistani somoni (TJS)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug

Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F



Major Languages

Tajik 84.4%, Uzbek 11.9%, Kyrgyz .8%, Russian .5%, other 2.4%; note: Russian

widely used in government and business

Religions

Muslim 98% (Sunni 95%, Shia 3%), other 2%

Time Difference

UTC+5 (10 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving

Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist destinations

Dushanbe; Pamir Highway; Jisev Valley Hiking; Iskanderkul Lake; Murghab; Bulunkul

& Yashilkul Lakes Trekking

Cultural Practices

Best not to use your left hand for exchanges of money, gifts, shaking hands, or

passing food. The use of ones left hand is considered unclean.

Tipping Guidelines

It is standard to tip a bellhop \$1 (USD) per bag; although not expected, tipping the

hotel cleaning staff is appropriate. Taxi drivers do not expect tips.

Telephone Code

992

Local Emergency

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Phone

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int

<u>US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens.</u> https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html

<u>To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:</u>
American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and

American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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